



Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 22, 2026

Dwelling in Dissonance

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Focus Statement: This week, our attention turns to the cast of characters beyond Jesus at his “trial.” Notice the roles various people play in this horrible moment. We are faced with our dissonance when we feel powerless, complicit, innocent, or accused.

Call to Worship:

All: Welcome Lent

One: terrible dissonance, as we condemn the Human One.

All: Welcome lament and confession

One: as the story comes undone.

All: Welcome holy mystery

One: that even this can find a place in the tale of God’s salvation.

All: Welcome suffering love and grace.

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #411 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
VT #30 Jesus Calls Us**

First Reading: Colossians 2:8-15

See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. All the fullness of deity lives in Christ’s body. And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self-dominated by sin. You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When

you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross. When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing Story Time for All Ages

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

"I Sought the Lord" – Stephanie, Lanae, Wilf, Ben

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Eva Martens as she recovers following a recent hospital stay

-Continued prayers for peace in Middle East, Ukraine, and too many other locations around our world.

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires...

Hymn: VT #149 Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God

Second Reading: John 19:1-16a

Then Pilate had Jesus taken and whipped. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. Over and over they went up to him and said, "Greetings, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

Pilate came out of the palace again and said to the Jewish leaders, "Look! I'm bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no grounds for a charge against him." When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here's the man."

When the chief priests and their deputies saw him, they shouted out, "Crucify, crucify!"

Pilate told them, "You take him and crucify him. I don't find any grounds for a charge against him."

The Jewish leaders replied, "We have a Law, and according to this Law he ought to die because he made himself out to be God's Son."

When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid. He went back into the residence and spoke to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus didn't answer. So Pilate said, "You won't speak to me? Don't you know that I have authority to release you and also to crucify you?"

Jesus replied, “You would have no authority over me if it had not been given to you from above. That’s why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.” From that moment on, Pilate wanted to release Jesus.

However, the Jewish leaders cried out, saying, “If you release this man, you aren’t a friend of the emperor! Anyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes the emperor!”

When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out and seated him on the judge’s bench at the place called Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, Gabbatha). It was about noon on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, “Here’s your king.”

The Jewish leaders cried out, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

Pilate responded, “What? Do you want me to crucify your king?”

“We have no king except the emperor,” the chief priests answered. Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Scripture Response:

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: VT #696 My God, My God

Sermon: What Sort of King?

Hymn: VT #325 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Benediction: As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life, within the holy mystery and holy ache of this story, trusting that the Spirit is with us in the dissonance. May you go with Christ’s peace surrounding you.

*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY **MARCH 22** *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Speaker: Mark Bigland-Pritchard Worship Leader: Brad Schroeder

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Story: ??? Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Susan/Dick Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Dave

Coffee/Snack: Diana/Ben

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Brad's Week: usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. If you'd like a visit, please call him @ 306-361-0601.

Luke's Week:

Friday Coffee Time with the staff at 10:00 am

Birthdays this Week: 23 – Sandra MacArthur; 26 – Liam Boldt; 27 – Keeley Buhler; 28 – Clint Neufeld

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Correct Number for the Directory – Matthew Braun's phone # 306-250-1949

The 2026 OMC Directory is ready. Printed copies are available on a table in the foyer.

Brad and Luke will host a series of 3 Sunday School classes around the Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists beginning on March 15 during the SS hour and continuing on March 22 and 29. The aim of these classes is partly to help prepare those who desire baptism and/or membership for that step, but also just for interest's sake. Anyone who is considering baptism or membership is invited to talk to Brad or Luke and anyone interested in discussion around our Shared Convictions is welcome to attend these classes.

"Greetings everyone, you are invited to join us at the church on Thursdays at 10:00am for a CMU Xplore Class. The class will run until March 26th. This year's topic is Theologies of Trauma and Healing with Dr. Susanne Guenther Loewen. Everyone is welcome – even if you missed the first ones! Please come for some coffee, conversation and a chance to learn!"

A New Way!! The Trustee Committee has had a new KeyPad installation on the front door. Your key will still work on the lock to open the door as usual, but you may ask for a fob that will open it

automatically. A limited number of FOBS are available – talk to Kathy or any of the trustees.

If you have one, it is very important to report any loss to the office immediately as we will then need to reprogram everyone's Fob.

"Contemplative checkin" Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

March 28, 9:30 am / Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan AGM at the Bethany Manor Fellowship Center. Business session begins at 9:30; 11:00 am Workshop speakers; noon lunch available for purchase (\$15); 1:30 pm Documentary Film: "The Russlaender Migration: From revolution to Reflection". All are welcome.

MCC Connects: You're invited to Swift Current on Saturday, March 28 for an evening of music and dessert! Join us at Bridgeway Community Church as we raise funds for the new Swift Current MCC Thrift Shop (365 North Service Road West). Performances start at 7 pm and include Marcus Braun & the City Limits and the SSCHS Jazz Ensemble. Advanced tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through Swift Current MCC Thrift, or are available at the door for \$25.

MC SASK Updates:

Creator God, who made all things
and gives us life.

In the midst of turmoil and anxiety,
we turn to you,
we put our hope in you.

Grant us strength to do what we can
to further your kingdom,
to follow Jesus.

Through all the seasons of life
we praise you,
our Lord and God. Amen.

Join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada for an online study of Climate Pollinator by Sierra Ross Richer. **February 19-April 16 (5 sessions)** To find out more and to register, go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca>

March 15 | 2:30 pm RJC Songs & Sweets Join us for a celebration of music and generosity at RJC High School. This lively fundraising event

features performances by the RJC Singers, Rosthern Children's Choir, and the RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, along with coffee, tea, desserts, live cake auction, and a cupcake lottery. Alumni, supporters, friends, and future students are also invited to participate by singing in one of the event choirs, Children's Choir rehearsals begin Feb. 11 and Alumni & Friends Choir rehearsals begin Mar. 2; to join one of these choirs, visit rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets. To RSVP to attend Songs & Sweets, email development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222 so we can plan accordingly.

March 24, 5:00 – 7:00 pm / Youth Farm Bible Camp — Vereniki & Sausage Fundraiser at Youth Farm Bible Camp Join us for a delicious Vereniki & Sausage Supper in support of Youth Farm Bible Camp! Enjoy a traditional Mennonite meal featuring: Cottage Cheese & Potato Cheddar Vereniki; Mennonite Farmer Sausage; Cream Gravy & Fruit Sauces; Coleslaw; Ice Cream; Admission by donation — bring your family and friends and help support camp ministry!

March 28th CSI Shekinah: A “Whodunit?” Extravaganza: Join Ric Driediger (former owner of Churchill River Canoe Outfitters) to solve mysteries reflecting the history of the Churchill River Basin. Registration is \$150 for the full event or you can choose to participate in only the afternoon or the evening mystery. A gourmet Saskatchewan lunch and supper accompany the fun. Follow the link for further information and to register: <https://bit.ly/3ZH0CIC>

Shekinah Summer Camp registration is now open! Go to <https://bit.ly/4cjsBMC> to register or visit our website for more details.

Shekinah Summer Jobs: 1) Kitchen Coordinator 2) Camp Medical Professional. Both positions begin June 29th and end August 28th with one week off. Application forms are available at:
Medical Professional: <https://bit.ly/40vdh8u>
Camp Kitchen Coordinator: <https://bit.ly/4rpaMQ8>

March 29 2:30 - 5 pm | A MultiFaith Saskatoon event at Sri Lakshmi Narayan Temple. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination -- Combatting Hate: An Interfaith Response. A facilitated interfaith dialogue and panel discussion focused on identifying, understanding, and responding to hate in its various forms, including racism, religious intolerance, and misinformation. The session will highlight community-led solutions and collaborative action.

April 24, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm | RJC Spend-A-Day Prospective students in Grades 7–11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC! You'll shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend a day with us and see what we have to offer! Visit rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day to register. (new)

April 25 5:30 doors open | Puttin' on the Ribz at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Entertainment by One Fine Day (Women of the 60's with Pat Mitchell). All proceeds will go towards Summer Staff wages. Dinner: Ribz and wine Sponsored by Carmen Corner Meats and Rosthern Agencies.

Admissions & Development Opportunity at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a dynamic and collaborative individual to support Admissions and Development work at RJC. This role involves connecting with youth, alumni, and community partners in areas such as student recruitment, fundraising, event planning and church relations. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be sent to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for the positions of Human Resources Generalist (full-time, one-year term contract), Custodian, Campus Receptionist, and more. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Tales from the Mennonite Heritage Archives: "From Russia with Woe" | Maria's time at the GULAG museum helped her discover her own great grandfather's life and faith. Maria's research led to answers, more questions - and a discovery of new communities and relatives thousands of kilometers away. Listen to this two-part series at <https://www.mharchives.ca/tales-from-the-archives/>

The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery offers free trainings for folks interested in building their skill and capacities to join in reconciliation and right relations efforts. Moving towards Right Relations: Skills for settler-descendants engaging Indigenous Justice movements. & Decolonizing and Organizing for Systems Change: Skills for grassroots organizing in a decolonizing framework. Learn more and sign up here: tinyurl.com/Trainings2026

Serve with MDS in Denare Beach, Sask. as we plan to build four new homes for survivors affected by the devastating 2025 Wolf wildfire. This project will run from May-September 2026. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Weekly Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle Stoesz, at 1-866-261-1274 or mstoesz@mds.org. Find more info about this response at <https://mds.org/response/denare-beach-sk/>.

Join the Mennonite Disaster Service Saskatchewan Unit for an evening of dessert, stories, and music on Monday, April 20, 7pm, at West Portal Church (3134 33rd St. W. Saskatoon). Meet MDS staff Reynold Friesen (Executive Director) and Moses Falco (Operations Manager), and enjoy the music ministry of "BJ and Friends." All are welcome. Contact the MDS office (1-866-261-1274; mdscanada@mds.org) if you have any questions.

Youth Calendar

March 20th “Fill the Freezer Night” @ Martens/McKinnell
March 27th Role Playing Games with Saskatoon Youth Group

CALENDAR

Sun. Mar 22 – 10:00 am Mark Bigland-Pritchard speaking

Mon. Mar 23 – 6:30 pm Executive mtg

*Thur. Mar 26 – 10:00 am CMU Explore Class

Sun. Mar 29 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching *Palm Sunday*

**Note the time change*

Thurs. Apr 2 – 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday service – soup & buns

Fri. Apr 3 – 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sun. Apr 5 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *Easter Sunday*

11:00 am Easter potluck brunch

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 29 *Palm Sunday*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Luke Sound: Doug

Ushers: Harold/Lloyd Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/???

Coffee/Snack: ???

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